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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

HALIM ET AL.

Examiner

Charles L. Rones

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 January 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All. b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Amendment***

The amendment timely filed on January 13, 2003 has been entered.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claim 33 is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 7, contains two periods instead of one. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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Claims 29-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gehani et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,946,687 ('Gehani').

**Gehani discloses:**

As to claims 29,

having the server non-email database transfer the first update information to a server messaging application running on the server computer or a computer networked to the server computer; See Figs. 1 and 3; 4:1-30;

forming a message containing the first update information and having an address selected to deliver the message to the remote computer; See 4:1-60;

having the remote computer extract the first update information from the message; See 3:38-67; 4:1-67; and

using the first update information to update the remote non-email database; See 3:38-67; 4:1-67.

As to claim 30,

having the server non-email database transfer the first update information to a server messaging application running on the server computer or a computer networked to the server computer; See corresponding response above;

forming a message containing the first update information and having an address selected to deliver the message to the remote computer; See corresponding response above;

having the remote computer extract the first update information from the message; See corresponding response above; and

providing the first update information to the non-email application; See 3:38-67; 4:1-67.

As to claim 31,

having the server non-email database transfer first update information to a server messaging application running, on the server computer or a computer networked to the server computer; See corresponding response above;

forming a message containing the first update information and having an address selected to deliver the message to the remote computer; See corresponding response above;

having the remote computer extract the first update information from the message; See corresponding response above; and

using the first update information to at least partially synchronize the remote non-email database with the server non-email database; See 4:40-63.

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As to claim 32,

having the remote non-email database transfer second update information to the remote messaging application (browser); See 4:1-62;

forming a message containing the second update information within the body of the message (web page) and having an address (URL) selected to deliver the message to the server; See 4:1-62;

having the server extract (URL deemed to be parsed) the second update information from the message, and using the second update information to update the server non-email database; See 4:1-62.

As to claim 33,

having the remote non-email application transfer second update information to the remote messaging application; See 4:1-62;

forming a message containing the second update information within the body of the message and having an address selected to deliver the message to the server; See 4:1-62;

having the server extract the second update information from the message, and using the second update information to update the server non-email database; See 4:1-62.

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As to claim 34,

having the remote non-email database transfer second update information to the remote messaging application; See corresponding response above;

forming a message containing the second update information within the body of the message and having an address selected to deliver the message to the server; See corresponding response above;

having the server extract the second update information from the message, and using the second update information to at least partially synchronize the server non-email database with the remote non-email database; See corresponding response above.

As to claim 35,

wherein the non-email database comprises one of a personal information database and an inventory database; See 3:1-62; 4:1-62.

As to claim 36,

wherein the non-email database comprises a personal information database that comprises calendar and address information; See 3:1-62; 4:1-62.

As to claim 37,

wherein the non-email application comprises one of a personal information application and an inventory application; See 3:1-62; 4:1-62.

As to claim 38,

wherein the non-email application comprises a personal information application that provides the user with calendar and address information; See 3:1-62; 4:1-62.

As to claim 39,

wherein messages are received at the remote computer by a remote messaging application that is a text-messaging or e-mail application principally intended for receiving text messages or e-mail addressed to the user of the remote computer; See 3:1-62; 4:1-62.

As to claim 40,

wherein a hook application running on the remote computer recognizes from the address of the message that the message is intended for use by the remote non-email database and extracts the message from the remote message application and provides it to the remote non-email database; See 3:1-62; 4:1-62.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).



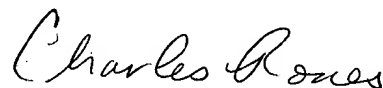
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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles L. Rones whose telephone number is 703-306-3030. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on 703-305-3830. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3800.



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